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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GOF WISHES TO NOTE RESERVATION ON
CERTAIN ASPECTS OF RAPID REINFORCEMENT ELEMENTS OF
CEP BECAUSE FRENCH BELIEVE THEY APPROACH TOO CLOSE TO
INTEGRATED MILITARY COMMAND. FRENCH DO NOT REPEAT NOT
WISH TO RAISE PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS OR NEGATE PREVIOUS
FRENCH CONCURRENCE IN CEP REFORM DOCUMENTS. END SUMMARY

2. AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL ON MAY 6, EMBOFF CALLED ON MISTRAL, ACTING DIRECTOR FOR PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND BOULLET, A COUNSELOR IN THAT OFFICE WHO FOLLOWS CEP MATTERS. MISTRAL SAID THAT AT THE LONDON MINISTERIAL THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOTE FRANCE'S RESERVATION ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF RAPID REINFORCEMENT ELEMENTS OF CEP. THIS IS BECAUSE THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THESE ELEMENTS MIGHT DRAW FRANCE TOO CLOSE TO THE INTEGRATED MILITARY COMMAND. GIVEN FRANCE'S HISTORIC POSITION ON THE INTEGRATED COMMAND, THIS SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE.

3. MISTRAL AND BOULLET CONTINUED THAT FRANCE HAS FOUND CEP TO BE OF VALUE AND FRANCE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO RAISE PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS OR CEASE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT. THE FRENCH "RESERVATION" IS NOT INTENDED TO NEGATE, FORMALLY OR IN IMPLEMENTATION, PREVIOUS FRENCH CONCURRENCE IN CEP REFORM DOCUMENTS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE WE DEFER TO OUR COLLEAGUES AT NATO AND IN WASHINGTON IN ASSESSING THE PROCEDURAL IMPACT OF THE FRENCH RESERVATION, IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION HERE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WISHES TO SIGNAL TRADITIONAL FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO GET TOO CLOSE TO THE INTEGRATED MILITARY COMMAND, WHILE NOT IMPEDING PROGRESS IN CEP.
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